NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/20/10 REPORTED...
THE CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY BOARD AGREED TODAY TO NEARLY DOUBLE THE LENGTH OF THE FIRST SEGMENT OF THE RAIL ... TO ALLEVIATE CONCERNS THAT THE INITIAL ROUTE WOULDN'T REACH MAJOR POPULATION CENTERS IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY.EARLIER THIS MONTH, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REALLOCATED MORE THAN 1-BILLION DOILLARS IN RAIL FUNDING TO CALIFORNIA AND 11 OTHER STATES.. AFTER OHIO AND WISCONSIN DECIDED NOT TO PROCEED WITH THEIR RAIL PROJECTS.THE EXTRA FUNDS WILL GO TOWARD CONSTRUCTION OF 123 MILES OF RAILWAY FROM NORTH OF FRESNO.. TO BAKERSFIELD.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/20/10 REPORTED BERKELEY RESIDENT PATRICK WANG SAYS HE LOVED THE CHEVY VOLT FROM THE MOMENT HE SAW IT AS A CONCEPT CAR THREE YEARS AGO.. THE 25 YEAR OLD WAS THE FIRST PERSON IN THE BAY ARE TO DRIVE THE 2011 ELECTRIC CAR OFF A LOT THIS MORNING.WANG WON THE VOLT VIDEO CONTEST FOR THE CHANCE TO OWN ONE. HE SAYS DESPITE THE ELECTRIC BATTERY, THE CAR HAS POWER. THE CAR GETS BETWEEN 25 AND 50 MILES ON A SINGLE CHARGE FROM YOUR REGULAR WALL SOCKET.A GAS POWERED GENERATOR SUPPLEMENTS THE ELECTIC BATTERY. THE CAR DOESN'T USE MUCH GAS, BUT IT DOES COME WITH A 40 THOUSAND DOLLAR PLUS PRICE TAG.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/20/10 REPORTED AT&T IS SPENDING NEARLY \$2 BILLION TO UPGRADE ITS WIRELESS SPECTRUM. THE EXCLUSIVE CARRIER OF APPLE'S MOBILE DEVICES IS BUYING THE AIRWAVES OWNED BY THE FAILED QUALCOM, TO ADD MUCH NEEDED BANDWIDTH. AT&T RECENTLY EARNED THE DUBIOUS DISTINCTION OF THE WORST WIRELESS CARRIER FROM CONSUMER REPORTS. THINGS COULD CHANGE AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR WHEN IT'S EXPECTED THAT VERIZON WILL START OFFERING I-PHONE SERVICE. THIS COULD TAKE SOME PRESSURE OFF AT&T, BUT IT COULD ALSO ADD PRESURE TO VERIZON'S NETWORK.

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AND THESE ARE HIGH-END GIFTS... RARE COLLECTABLES... FOR THAT PERSON... WHO SEEMS TO HAVE EVERYTHING...WHICH, COULD "NOW" INCLUDE... SEATS FROM GEORGE STEINBRENNER'S... OWNER'S BOX AT THE OLD YANKEE STADIUM...OR, DIRT FROM UNDER... TIM LINCECUM'S FEET... STRAIGHT FROM THE INFIELD..."STEINER SPORTS"... HAULING OUT ALL KINDS OF COLLECTABLES...IT'S LIKE... BRINGING PART OF A "HALL OF FAME"... HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/24/10 REPORTED

THE BELLS RINGING ARE A REMINDER THAT THE COUNTDOWN IS ON AND TIME HAS ALMOST RUN OUT FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS.BUT GAIL ACHEN AND BARBARA GABRIEL AREN'T WORRIED.THEY HAVE A VERY SHORT XMAS LIST."Just for me. (laugh) Isn't that terrible? I've already done my other shopping. I did it all before Thanksgiving."

BUT FOR OTHER SHOPPERS...THE LAST MINUTE CLOUD OF DESPERATION HAS DESCENDED ON SAN FRANCISCO WESTFIELD CENTRE MALL.CARLOS SIKAFFY SAYS HE HAS A LOT MORE SHOPPING TO DO BUT HE'S NOT PLANNING TO SPEND A LOT MORE TIME DOING IT."Hopefully not much longer. I'm headed to specific places and getting those things and getting done. If I don't find them, it's done. "FOR SOME...LAST MINUTE SHOPPING ISN'T SO BAD IF YOU

HAVE A PLAN AND STICK TO IT.knew where I wanted to go. I don't spend much time Xmas shopping. I'm pretty much in and out BUT THE REST OF THE CHRISTMAS EVE CRUSH ISN'T SO ORGANIZED

¶AND IT'S TAKING IT'S TOLL...WITH SHOPPERS STOPPING TO GET MASSAGES AND SOME EVEN PASSING OUT ON THE COUCH."The last minute people are wonderful. They're like desperate, running around with their little listsand their check off. It's mostly men and they're like 'Oh, this is the age group I have to shop for. Do you have anything? These are the sizes. I just need something in this size'." EARLY SHOPPERS ACHEN AND GABRIEL ARE JUST HAVING FUN WATCHING.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY, ELDERLY, MEN & WOMEN

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/02/10 REPORTED...

A HEARTBREAKING TRAGEDY IN ANTCIOH WHERE A TWO YEAR OLD BOY DIED FROM A GUNSHOT WOUKD TO THE HEAD. THE BOY WAS IN HIS PARENTS BEDROOM WITH HIS 4 YEAR OLD BROTHER WHEN THE GUN WENT OFF. TONIGHT THE CHIL'DS PARENTS HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH RECKLESSLY ENDANGERING THE TODDLER. THE BOYS WERE HOME IN THIER APARTMENT ON LEMON TREE COURT WITH THIER GRANDMOTHER WHEN THE SHOOTING OCCURRED. THE PARENTS-- EDDIE LEE CARR AND LAQINDA MODIQUE-ARRIVED SHORTLY AFTER THE SHOOTING. INVESTIGATORS SAY THE BOY'S MOTHER RECENTLY PURCHASED THE GUN. THIS MORNING CARR REMOVED THE GUN FROM THE SAFE AND LEFT THE LOADED GUN IN A DRAWER. THE GRANDMOTHER WAS SITTING FOR THE BOYS-- AND WAS IN THE LIVING ROOM WHEN THEY WERE IN THE BEDROOM. TONIGHT BOTH PARENTS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR FELONY CHILD ENDANGERMENT, RECKLESS STORAGE OF A FIREARM AND CARR --A CONVICTED FELON-- WITH ILLEGALLY POSSESSING A FIREARM.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/06/10 REPORTED...

A 4-MONTH-OLD OAKLAND BOY IS DEAD ... AND POLICE ARE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT IF HIS FATHER IS TO BLAME. THE INFANT DIED YESTERDAY MORNING AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN OAKLAND WHERE HE'D BEEN FOR A WEEK AFTER BEING FOUND UNCONCSCIOUS.AUTHORITIES SAID THE CHILD MAY HAVE BEEN SUFFOCATED AT HIS HOME ON THE 16-HUNDRED BLOCK OF 6TH AVENUE.THE BOYS 26 YEAR OLD FATHER HAS BEEN ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF CHILD ENDANGERMENT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/09/10 REPORTED...

FORGET PERSONAL SHOPPERS, SOME ELEMENTARY STUDENTS HAD A CHANCE TO "SHOP WITH A COP" TODAY IN SAN JOSE. THE STUDENTS WERE ALL FROM TRACE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, WHICH WAS NEARLY DESTROYED BY AN ARSON OVER THE SUMMER. 26 LUCKY LITTLE SHOPPERS TEAMED UP WITH SAN JOSE POLICE OFFICERS TO GET A 100 DOLLAR SHOPPING SPREE AT TARGET. THEY COULD BUY GIFTS FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES. OFFICERS SAY IT FEELS GOOD TO GIVE BACK. PARENTS SAY IT FEELS GOOD TO RECEIVE. THIS IS THE THIRD YEAR OF THE "SHOP WITH A COP" EVENT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/13/10 REPORTED...
THE TODDLER WHO FELL INTO A HOTEL FOUNTAIN IN DOWNTOWN SAN FRANCISCO LAST WEEK HAS DIED.OLIVIER MATERA'S FAMILY WAS TAKING A BREAK FROM THE RAIN ON WEDNESDAY--WHEN THEY WENT INTO THE LOBBY OF THE HYATT REGENCY.
THE BOY'S MOTHER, NANNY AND TWIN SISTER WERE TAKING PICTURES OF HOLIDAY DISPLAYS WHEN THE 18 MONTH OLD DISAPPEARED.HE WAS FOUND MINUTES LATER, UNCONSCIOUS IN A FOUNTAIN .. HE DIED ON SATURDAY.THE S.F.P.D. SAYS OLIVIER'S

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/13/10 REPORTED...

DEATH WAS AN ACCIDENT, AND THERE WON'T BE ANY CRIMINAL CHARGES FILED.

A KIDNAPPED 12 YEAR OLD GIRL IS ABOUT TO BE REUNITED WITH HER FAMILY IN VIRGINIA. AN ALERT WOMAN IN SAN FRANCISCO RECOGNIZED HER FROM A TV NEWS STORY AND CALLED POLICE LAST WEEK. BRITTANY SMITH'S STORY WENT NATIONAL WHEN SHE DISAPPEARED ALONG WITH 32-YEAR-OLD JEFFREY EASLEY IN EARLY DECEMBER. BRITTANY'S MOTHER -- WHO WAS EASLEY'S GIRLFRIEND -- WAS FOUND MURDERED AT AROUND THE SAME TIME. SAN FRANCISCO POLICE FOUND BRITTANY AND ARRESTED EASLEY AFTER THE WOMAN CALLED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. BRITTANY FLEW BACK TO VIRGINIA TODAY.EASLEY'S EXTRADITION HEARING WILL HAPPEN IN SAN FRANCISCO TOMORROW.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/14/10 REPORTED...
TWO FAIRFIELD SISTERS ARE GIVING DIFFERENT STORIES ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED THE DAY A FIRE KILLED THEIR FOUR CHILDREN. SISTERS LATISHA JAMES AND SHETARRA JAMES ARE CHARGED WITH FOUR COUNTS OF INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER AND CHILD NEGLECT. AT A PRELIMINARY HEARING TODAY AN OFFICER TESTIFIED THAT THE WOMEN TOLD HIM NEITHER WAS INSIDE THE APARTMENT AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE, BUT THEIR STORIES DIDN'T MATCH UP.FIRE OFFICIALS SAY CANDLES STARTED THE BLAZE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/20/10 REPORTED... A TOURIST IS MISSING IN SONOMA COUNTY, AND POLICE FEAR SHE MAY HAVE DRIVEN INTO THE RAIN-SWOLLEN RUSSIAN RIVER. PHYLLIS BIN LEFT THE RIVERS END RESTAURANT AND INN IN JENNER AT ABOUT 10 SATURDAY NIGHT ON HER WAY BACK TO SANTA ROSA. FRIENDS IN ANOTHER CAR LOST SIGHT OF HER AFTER THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAYS 1 AND 116.. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS SEARCHING THE RIVER FOR THE CAR. TIRE TRACKS WERE SEEN LEADING UP TO THE RIVER'S EDGE. BIN WAS VISITING SONOMA COUNTY FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/20/10 REPORTED SAN FRANCISCO POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR TWO MEN WHO ROBBED A 14-YEAR OLD GIRL AT GUNPOINT.POLICE SAY THE TEEN WAS STANDING AT A BUS STOP NEAR THE CORNER OF GEARY AND LAGUNA STREETS AROUND SEVEN YESTERDAY MORNING.. WHEN TWO MEN APPROACHED HER AND DEMANDED CASH.ONE WAS HOLDING A HANDGUNTHE MEN TOOK OFF WITH THE GIRL'S PURSE, JEWELRY AND CELL PHONE. ONE OF THE SUSPECTS IS BELIEVED TO BE IN HIS LATE TEENS.. THE OTHER IN HIS TWENTIES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/21/10 REPORTED MAULED BY VISCIUOS DOGS ...A SAN JOSE WOMAN TEARFULLY REMEMBERS THE PITBULL ATTACK THAT HAD HER FEARING FOR HER LIFE -- TONIGHT AT LEAST ONE OF THE ANIMALS IS STILL ON THE LOOSE.NBC BAY AREA'S ELYCE KIRCHNER IS LIVE IN SAN JOSE WHERE ANMAL CONTROL MAY HAVE JUST CAPTURED ONE OF THE DOGS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/21/10 REPORTED...
A 9-YEAR-OLD BAY AREA BOY HAS BECOME THE YOUNGEST-EVER CHESS "MASTER" IN THE UNITED STATES. SAMUEL SEVIAN EARNED THE TITLE AFTER WINNING A CHESS MATCH IN SAN FRANCISCO. THE UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION AWARDED THE SANTA CLARA BOY WITH A RATING OF 2,201 AFTER THE MATCH. A RATING OF 2,200 QUALIFIES A PLAYER AS A "NATIONAL MASTER." SAMUEL IS 11-DAYS YOUNGER THAN THE PREVIOUS RECORD HOLDER -- NICHOLAS NIP FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/21/10 REPORTED... ANOTHER YOUNG MAN IN THE NEWS -- FOR MAKING A VERY THOUGHTFUL WISH FOR THE HOLIDAYS...10-YEAR-OLD EVAN AKERS OF STARK COUNTY OHIO IS ASKING HIS SCHOOL PASTOR FOR SOMETHING THAT SELDOM MAKES A CHRISTMAS LIST. INSTEAD OF TOYS, EVAN WANTS A TOMBSTONE FOR HIS LATE AUNT WHO RECENTLY DROWNED AT THE AGE OF 46. "I had no idea he was even writing a letter. He did this without our

knowledge so it was very suprising and very uplifting to know that it mattered that much to him."WHEN EVAN'S MOM POSTED THE LETTER ON FACEBOOK, THE FAMILY RECEIVED AN OUTPOURING OF SUPPORT INCLUDING MONEY FOR THE TOMBSTONE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/23/10 REPORTED...
WE'RE TALKING ABOUT "C-C SABATHIA"... THE YANKEES "STAR" PITCHER... AND
VALLEJO-NATIVE.HE AND HIS WIFE... DOING A VERY IMPRESSIVE... "ACT OF CHARITY"...
WITH THEIR FOUNDATION, TODAY.HELPING "REFURBISH"... THE "ROSE-WOOD" HOUSE...
IN VALLEJO... IT'S A HOME FOR WOMEN... RECOVERING FROM DRUG AND ALCOHOL
ADDICTION... TAKING IN FOLKS... WHO, HAVE "NO OTHER" HOUSING AVAILABLE TO
THEM.C-C AND AMBER SABATHIA... ARE HIGH-SCHOOL SWEETHEARTS... WHO "ACT"
FROM THE HEART.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/24/10 REPORTED... WHEN YOU THINK OF SQUATTERS-- YOU PROBABLY THINK OF DANGEROUS, RUNDOWN BUILDINGS.BUT IN THE CURRENT REAL ESTATE MARKET, SOME PEOPLE ARE FINDING SHELTER IN UPSCALE MANSIONS.AUTHORITIES SAY THEY OFTEN GO UNDETECTED, AND WHEN THEY ARE CAUGHT-- THEY OFTEN WALK FREE.

CRIMES-FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL, LAW & LAW ENFORCEMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/11/10 REPORTED...
POLICE IN ANTIOCH TONIGHT -- ARE ASKING FOR THE PUBLIC'S HELP TO FIND A HIT AND RUN DRIVER .. WHO KILLED A 42 YEAR OLD WOMAN.POLICE SAY THE WOMAN WAS HIT
JUST AFTER 5 OCLOCK LAST NIGHT... WHILE WALKING IN THE CROSSWALK ... AT THE INTERSECTION OF LEMONTREE WAY AND L STREET ... IN ANTIOCH.A DARK COLORED MINI-VAN REPORTEDLY HIT THE WOMAN AND FLED.IT WAS LAST SEEN HEADED WESTBOUND ONTO HIGHWAY 4.TODAYS .. INVESTIGATORS WERE BACK OUT AT THE INTERSECTION ... PIECING TOGETHER EVIDENCE AND TRYING TO TRACK DOWN THE HIT AND RUN DRIVER.THE WOMAN WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL AND DIED SEVERAL HOURS LATER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/10/10 REPORTED...
INVESTIGATORS NOW SAY THE MAN KILLED WHEN HE CRASHED HIS CAR OFF INTERSTATE-80 IN BERKELEY EARLY TODAY WAS A PAROLEE WHO WAS DRIVING A STOLEN CAR.AN OAKLAND POLICE OFFICER STOPPED TO HELP THE MAN, THINKING HE WAS A STRANDED MOTORIST. WHEN THE OFFICER BECAME SUSPICIOUS OF THE DRIVER'S BEHAVIOR, THE MAN DROVE-OFF, KNOCKING THE OFFICER TO THE GROUND.HOURS LATER, POLICE SPOTTED THE DRIVER AGAIN.OAKLAND TRIBUNE REPORTS THEMAN, WHO IS STILL UNIDIENTIFIED, HAS A CRIMINAL RECORD FOR BURGLARY AND SPOUSAL BATTERY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/12/10 REPORTED...
AN EMPLOYEE WAS TIED UP DURING AN ARMED ROBBERY THIS MORNING AT A BOOKSTORE.IT HAPPENED AT SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS AT 7 AM.
TWO ARMED MEN ... ENTERED THE ON-CAMPUS BARNES AND NOBLE BOOKSTORE ...
THROUGH THE BACK DOOR... AND TIED UP A FEMALE EMPLOYEE WHO WAS PREPARING TO OPEN UP THE STORE.IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW MUCH THE ROBBERS STOLE FROM THE STORE.THE EMPLOYEE WAS NOT INJURED IN THE ROBBERY.

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NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/15/10 REPORTED...

A 14-YEAR OLD VACAVILLE TEEN PLEADED NOT GUILTY TODAY TO THE VICIOUS WEEKEND ATTACK OF A 13-YEAR OLD GIRL AND HER TODDLER BROTHER.POLICE SAY ALEXANDER CERVANTES BROKE IN TO THE VICTIM'S VACAVILLVE HOME EARLY SUNDAY, SEXUALLY ASSAULTED THE GIRL.. THEN STABBED HER 30 TIMES. THE 18-MONTH-OLD WAS STABBED MORE THAN 10 TIMES.CERVANTES WAS ARRESTED AFTER THE GIRL ESCAPED WITH HER BROTHER TO A NEIGHBORS HOUSE, AND CALLED 9-1-1.POLICE FOUND CERVANTES ASLEEP IN THE VICTIM'S HOME.THE ACCUSED TEEN FACES MULTIPLE CHARGES OF RAPE, ATTEMPTED MURDER AND ASSAULT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/20/10 REPORTED...
POLICE MADE AN ARREST YESTERDAY BUT SAY THEY STILL DON'T KNOW WHY DAVID LEWIS WAS KILLED. INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE 58 YEAR OLD GREGORY ELARMS FOLLOWED LEWIS FROM HIS WORK PLACE TO THE HILLSDALE SHOOPING CENTER IN JUNE.AND THEN SHOT AND KILLED HIM IN A PARKING LOT. POLICE SAY WORDS WERE EXCHANGED BUT THEY DON'T KNOW WHY LEWIS WAS TARGETED. LEWIS WAS A WELL KNOWN COMMUNITY ACTIVIST DEDICATED TO HELPING PEOPLE GET SOBER. DOZENS OF PEOPLE CANVASSED THE AREA HOPING SOMEONE WOULD COME FORWARD WITH TIPS. HIS DAUGHTER SAYS 6 MONTHS SHE'S BEEN WAITING FOR AN ARREST. POLICE SAY ELARMS VOLUNTARILY CAME TO THE SAN MATEO POLICE STATION FOR QUESTIONING OVER THE WEEKEND AND WAS ARRESTED SUNDAY. FRIENDS OF LEWIS SAY HE AND ELARMS GREW UP TOGETHER IN EAST PALO ALTO. BUT THEY DON'T KNOW WHY ELARMS WOULD WANT TO HURT LEWIS.POLICE SAY MURDER SUSPECT ELARMS IS IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY IN JAIL BECAUSE HE COULD BE TARGETED BY INMATES WHO WERE CLOSE TO LEWIS. ELARMS IS EXPECTED TO ANSWER TO MURDER CHARGES IN COURT TOMORROW.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/20/10 REPORTED...
ONE PERSON IS DEAD AND A SEARCH CONTINUES FOR A MAN POLICE SAY IS ARMED AND DANGEROUS. THE DEATH IS THE RESULT OF A POLICE SHOOTING. A POLICE CHASE ENDED HERE AT 13TH AND 33RD AVENUE WHERE THE SUSPECT'S CAR CRASHED INTO A HOME. IT STARTED IN WEST OAKLAND ON INTERSTATE 5-80 AND MOVED INTO PARTS OF EAST OAKLAND, ENDING AT 33RD AVENUE. FOUR PEOPLE WERE INSIDE THE CAR. POLICE SAY THEY RAN.TWO OFFICERS SHOT ONE OF THE SUSPECTS. THEY SAY A HANDGUN WAS FOUND NEARBY. "Jeff Thomason: OPD: An assault rifle recovered inside the suspect car...early on in the investigation a lot of iformation still coming in." POLICE SAY A SPECIAL UNIT INVESTIGATING A SHOOTING THAT HAPPENED ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE CHASE BEGAN TWO OTHER PEOPLE ARE BEING DETAINED TONIGHT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/20/10 REPORTED...
IT'S ONE OF THE BEST WALKING CITIES IS ALSO ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS FOR PEDESTRIANS. SAN FRANCISCO MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM IS TAKING ACTION TO MAKE STREETS SAFER FOR PEOPLE. THE CITY RELEASED SOME STARTLING STATISTICS. PEDESTRIANS MAKE UP APPROXIMATELY HALF OF DEADLY TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS. TO CHANGE THAT, TODAY, THE MAYOR SIGNED A "PEDESTRIAN SAFETY EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVE."THE GOAL.. COORDINATE TRAFFIC PLANNING, PUBLIC AWARENESS AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS WITH THE HELP OF A NEW SAFETY TASK FORCE. THE DIRECTIVE HAS AN AMBITIOUS TARGET.. A 25-PERCENT REDUCTION IN SERIOUS AND FATAL PEDESTRIAN INJURIES BY 20-16..

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/2110 REPORTED... A CONTRA COSTA JUDGE IS DROPPING CHARGES AGAINST 2 OF THE YOUNG MEN IN THE RICHMOND HIGH GANG RAPE CASE.

THERE WAS A QUESTION ABOUT THE EVIDENCE INVOLVED WITH TWO OF THE DEFENDENTS.

THE FIVE REMAINING ALLEGED ATTACKERS WILL FACE RAPE CHARGES FOR THE GANG RAPE OF A 16 YEAR OLD GIRL WHO WAS WAITING FOR HER FATHER TO PICK HER UP AFTER A HOMECOMING DANCE.

THE CRIME WAS WITNESSED BY A CROWD OF PEOPLE AS IT WAS HAPPENING. ALL OF THE DEFENDENTS --SOME OF WHCH ARE TENNS- ARE BEING TRIED AS ADULTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/21/10 REPORTED...

NEW DETAILS TONIGHT ON THE DEADLY END TO A TRAFFIC STOP IN OAKLAND
YESTERDAY. THE CITY'S GANG TASK FORCE REVEALED THEY WERE ACTING ON A TIP TO
PREVENT A SHOOTING. THE ENTIRE EPISODE CAME TO A SMASHING END RIGHT HERE...
WHEN THE SUSPECT'S CAR SLAMMED INTO A HOME YESTERDAY.
THE DRIVER LEAD POLICE ON A HIGH SPEED CHASE BEFORE CRASHING.
FOUR MEN THEN JUMPED OUT AND TRIED TO GET AWAY ON FOOT. "members of the gang task force received information that a shooting was scheduled to occur in west oakland.. that a 1990 maroon Lincoln sedan would be involved and the occupants were armed with an assault weapon."POLICE SHOT AND KILLED ONE OF THE MEN AND CAPTURED ANOTHER.
TWO OTHER PEOPLE REMAIN ON THE RUN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/21/10 REPORTED... CITY COUNCILMEMBER DESLEY BROOKS SAYS NEITHER HER COLLEAGUES NOR SHE HAS HEARD ANYTHING FROM THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ABOUT OAKLAND'S EFFORTS TO LICENSE AND WHOLESALE POT CULTIVATION.BUT A SPOKESMAN FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY JOHN RUSSO'S OFFICE CONFIRMED THAT FEDERAL OFFICIALS CONTACTED THE CITY ATTORNEY WITH A WARNING THAT SETTING UP A CITY-OPERATED MEDICAL MARIJUANA OPERATION OF THIS TYPE COULD BE CONSIDERED ILLEGAL AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS COULD RISK PROSECUTION. WHILE THE CITY ATTORNEY OFFICE SAYS ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE LIMITS WHAT IT CAN SAY ABOUT THE ISSUE...THE FACT THAT RUSSO NEVER SIGNED OFF ON THE ORDINANCE MIGHT SPEAK VOLUMES. THE ALAMEDA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY SPOKE WITH THE CITY COUNCIL ABOUT THE LANGUAGE IN THE ORDINANCE.BROOKS SAYS SOME POTENTIAL GROWERS HAVE THOUGHT TWICE ABOUT GETTING INVOLVED BECAUSE OF THE STRICT REGULATIONS.THE FOUR LICENSED GROWERS CHOSEN WOULD HAVE TO PAY \$210,000 IN ANNUAL FEES TO THE CITY IN ORDER TO OPERATE THE CULTIVATION SITES AS WELL AS SET UP A TRUST TO HELP COMMUNITY NON PROFIT GROUPS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/21/10 REPORTED...

22 YEARS AGO TODAY, 270 PEOPLE WERE KILLED WHEN A TERRORIST BOMB EXPLODED ON A PAN-AM FLIGHT OVER LOCKERBIE, SCOTLAND.IN WASHINGTON TODAY, FOUR SENATORS RELEASED AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORT ABOUT IT...

AMONG THE CONCLUSIONS: CONVICTED BOMBER ABDEL AL-MEGRAHI WAS RELEASED WITHOUT MEDICAL JUSTIFICATION, AND THE LIBYANS USED "COMMERCIAL WARFARE," INCLUDING A B-P OIL DEAL, TO FORCE AL-MEGRAHI'S RELEASE.

THE SENATORS WANT AL-MEGRAHI RETURNED TO PRISON.

SCOTTISH OFFICIALS HAVE CALLED THE REPORT AN "INCORRECT AND INACCURATE REHASH."

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/23/10 REPORTED...
TWO TEENS AMONG THE DEAD OF THAT DRIVE BY SHOOTING SPREE LAST NIGHT IN
SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO THAT INJURED FOUR OTHERS AND LEFT A NEIGHBORHOOD
SHAKEN. 18 YEAR OLD "OMAR CORTEZ" AND 19 YEAR OLD "GONZALO AVALOS",
PICTURED HERE, WERE KILLED LAST NIGHT JUST AFTER SEVEN IN SOUTH SAN
FRANCISCO.INVESTIGATORS SAY THREE MEN IN A DARK CHEVY IMPALA OPENED FIRE,
THEN SPED OFF. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN CAUGHT. TODAY NEIGHBORS SET UP CANDLES IN
HONOR OF THE VICTIMS. THE OTHER FOUR VICTIMS, BETWEEN THE AGES OF 15 AND 20,
WERE TAKEN TO SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL, WHERE ONE WAS REPORTED TO
BE IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/23/10 REPORTED...
THE CREEK SEEING AN UPTICK IN CRIME ...THE WALNUT CREEK POLICE ASSOCIATION SAYS IT IS FRUSTRATED BY THE SPIKE.THE GROUP, MADE UP OF THE TWO POLICE UNIONS ,SAYS IT'S EVIDENCE THAT THE CITY NEEDS MORE OFFICERS.THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL HIGH PROFILE ROBBERIES AT RESTAURANTS IN THE CITY RECENTLY. THE POLICE CHIEF SAYS ROBBERIES TRADITIONALLY GO UP IN DECEMBER, AND THIS YEAR THERE HAVE BEEN FEWER THAN LAST.THE CITY COUNCIL RECENTLY VOTED TO FREEZE THE NUMBER OF POLICE POSITIONS BECAUSE OF BUDGET CONCERNS.

DIVERSITY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/09/10 REPORTED...
REBUILDING TRUST. A MOVE BY THE SAN JOSE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO CHANGE THE WAY IT DEALS WITH TRAFFIC STOPS ON UNLICENSED DRIVERS, IS MEETING WITH PRAISE TONIGHT. A GROUP CALLED "PACT"-- PEOPLE ACTING IN COMMUNITY TOGETHER, GATHERED AT A SAN JOSE CHURCH THIS AFTERNOON..THEY TALKED ABOUT WHAT APPEARS TO BE THE END TO THEIR TWO YEAR STRUGGLE AGAINST A POLICE POLICY OF IMPOUNDING CARS, WHEN UNLICENSED DRIVERS ARE STOPPED FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS. THEY FEEL IT UNFAIRLY TARGETED UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS AND CAUSED EXTREME FINANCIAL HARDSHIP.THE GROUP SAYS CHANGING THE POLICY WILL HELP POLICE REBUILD RELATIONS WITH THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY. PACT SAYS POLICE ARE MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, BUT THEY ARE WAITING TO SEE THE FINAL LANGUAGE IN THE NEW POLICY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/09/10 REPORTED...
THE SOCIAL-MEDIA SITE TWITTER IS HELPING TO CLOSE THE TECHNOLOGY GAP HERE IN THE U-S.A NEW SURVEY BY PEW RESEARCH SHOWS THAT OUT OF THE 8-PERCENT OF AMERICAN INTERNET USERS WHO VISIT TWITTER, A MAJORITY OF THEM ARE LATINOS AND AFRICAN-AMERICANS.IN THE SURVEY OF 22-HUNDRED ADULTS, 18-PERCENT ARE HISPANIC INTERNET USERS AND 13-PERCENT ARE AFRICAN-AMERICAN USERS.. WHILE ONLY 5-PERCENT ARE CAUCASIAN WEB-GOERS.RESEARCHERS CREDIT THE RISE OF WEB-ENABLED SMARTPHONES AND OTHER DEVICES FOR HELPING TO EASE THE SO-CALLED "DIGITAL DIVIDE" IN THIS COUNTRY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/11/10 REPORTED...

A DMV CLERK WHO ALLEGEDLY SENT A LETTER CONDEMMING A TRANSGENDER WOMAN... HAS BEEN SUSPEDNED FROM WORK.SAN FRANCISCO RESIDENT "AMBER YUST" SAYS SHE RECEIVED THE LETTER FOUR DAYS AFTER SHE APPLIED FOR A LICENSE IN OCTOBER.THE LETTER CALLED HER GENDER CHANGE .. QUOTE.. A VERY EVIL DECISION.IT WAS WRITTEN BY THE CLERK WHO PROCESSED THE WOMAN'S LICENSE APPLICATION.A SPOKESPERSON FOR THE DMV.... SAYS IT IS ILLEGAL TO USE THEIR DATABASE FOR ANYTHING EXCEPT D-M-V RELATED WORK.YUST HAS FILED A CLIAM AGAINST THE STATE FOR DAMAGES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/13/10 REPORTED...

A KIDNAPPED 12 YEAR OLD GIRL IS ABOUT TO BE REUNITED WITH HER FAMILY IN VIRGINIA. AN ALERT WOMAN IN SAN FRANCISCO RECOGNIZED HER FROM A TV NEWS STORY AND CALLED POLICE LAST WEEK. BRITTANY SMITH'S STORY WENT NATIONAL WHEN SHE DISAPPEARED ALONG WITH 32 YEAR OLD JEFFREY EASLEY IN EARLY DECEMBER.BRITTANY'S MOTHER -- WHO WAS EASLEY'S GIRLFRIEND -- WAS FOUND MURDERED AT AROUND THE SAME TIME. SAN FRANCISCO POLICE FOUND BRITTANY AND ARRESTED EASLEY AFTER THE WOMAN CALLED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. BRITTANY FLEW BACK TO VIRGINIA TODAY.EASLEY'S EXTRADITION HEARING WILL HAPPEN IN SAN FRANCISCO TOMORROW.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/15/10 REPORTED...

A REPEAL OF THE MILITARY'S DON'T ASK DON'T TELL POLICY IS ONE SIGNIFICANT STEP CLOSER TO REALITY TONIGHT. THE HOUSE VOTED 250-TO-175 TO MOVE FORWARD A BILL CONTAINING A REPEAL OF THE 17 YEAR OLD LAW THAT BANS GAYS FROM SERVING OPENLY IN THE MILITARY. THE BILL NOW MOVES TO THE SENATE. IF THE SENATE FAILS TO VOTE ON IT OR PAS IT ... CHANCES ARE SLIM THE REPEAL WOULD BE TAKEN UP BY THE HOUSE ONCE REPUBLICANS ASSUME CONTROL OF THAT CHAMBER IN JANUARY ... BUT THE ISSUE IS IN THE COURTS AS WELL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/20/10 REPORTED THE WHITE HOUSE SAYS PRESIDENT OBAMA WILL SIGN THE REPEAL OF DON'T ASK DON'T TELL ON WEDNESDAY. THE SENATE'S WEEKEND VOTE STRUCK DOWN THE 17 YEAR OLD RULE WHICH ALLOWED GAYS AND LESBIANS TO SERVE IN THE MILITARY ONLY IF THEY KEPT THEIR SEXUAL ORIENTATION SECRET.

NO ONE KNOWS WHEN THE NEW RULES WILL BE FULLY IN PLACE.

LAWYERS ARE CONSIDERING WHAT TO DO ABOUT CASES CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW, AND PEOPLE WHO WERE DISCHARGED UNDER THE OLD RULES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/21/10 REPORTED DON'T ASK DON'T TELL IS ON ITS WAY TO BECOMING HISTORY.

TODAY SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE NANCY PELOSI WAS JOINED BY SENATE AND HOUSE MEMBERS WHO LED THE EFFORT TO END THE MILITARY'S BAN ON GAYS SERVING OPENLY.PELOSI SIGNED THE LEGISLATION, WHICH NOW MOVES ON TO PRESIDENT OBAMA FOR HIS SIGNATURE TOMORROW.S/ Rep. Nancy Pelosi / (D) Speaker of the House trt:19 "When President Obama signs the repeal of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' into law tomorrow, we'll begin to open the doors to our armed forces to all patriotic Americans regardless of their sexual orientation. Oh happy THE END OF "DON'T ASK DON'T TELL" COULD BE VERY GOOD FOR COLLEGE RECRUITING. ACCORDING TO THE NEW YORK TIMES -- THE PRESIDENTS OF HARVARD, YALE AND COLUMBIA ARE CONSIDERING ALLOWING THE R-O-T-C BACK ON CAMPUS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/24/10 REPORTED BACK HERE IN THE U-S...VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN SAYS THE COUNTRY IS EVOVLING WHEN IT COMES TO SAME-SEX MARRIAGE. IN A TELEVISED INTERVIEW TODAY, THE VICE PRESIDENT SAID THE SAME THING IS HAPPENING WITH THE GAY MARRIAGE ISSUE THAT HAPPENED WITH OPENLY-GAY TROOPS IN THE MILITARY.

THIS WEEK, PRESIDENT OBAMA SIGNED INTO LAW A REPEAL OF THE "DON'T ASK DON'T TELL" POLICY THAT PREVENTED GAYS FROM SERVING OPENLY.

EDUCATION

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/01/10 REPORTED...
OAKLAND'S POLICE CHIEF IS IN WASHINGTON TONIGHT, LOBBYING FOR FEDERAL FUNDING TO PUT COPS ON SCHOOL CAMPUSES.POLICE CHIEF ANTHONY BATTS IS TRYING TO GET THE CASH FOR A PILOT PROGRAM TO PLACE SIX OFFICERS EACH.. AT FOUR MIDDLE SCHOOLS ACROSS THE CITY. THE PROGRAM NEEDS BETWEEN FIVE-AND-A-HALF AND SIX MILLION IN FUNDING TO GET OFF THE GROUND. THE SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING WOULD BE MADISON, WESTLAKE, ROOSEVELT AND FRICK MIDDLE SCHOOLS. IF THE PILOT PROGRAM IS SUCCESSFUL, THE GOAL IS TO EXPAND IT TO ALL OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOLS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/07/10 REPORTED...

A DREAM OF HIGHER EDUCATION... NO MATTER WHAT YOUR LEGAL STATUS.

THAT WAS THE RALLYING CRY TONIGHT FROM A GROUP OF SAN FRANCISCO STUDENTS PUSHING FOR PASSAGE OF THE "DREAM ACT."THE GROUP GATHERED AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH FOR A CANDLELIGHT VIGIL AND CANNED FOOD DRIVE. CONGRESS COULD VOTE ON THE ACT AS SOON AS TOMORROW.THE 'DREAM ACT' WOULD PROVIDE UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS WHO HAVE GROWN UP IN THE U-S, THE CHANCE TO OBTAIN LEGAL IMMIGRATION STATUS BY COMPLETING AT LEAST TWO YEARS OF COLLEGE OR MILITARY SERVICE. A TOP PENTAGON CHIEF ALSO MADE A PITCH FOR PASSAGE OF THE LEGISLATION TODAY.CLIFFORD STANLEY ARGUED THE DREAM ACT WOULD EXPAND THE POOL OF POTENTIAL RECRUITS FOR THE COUNTRY'S ARMED FORCES UP TO 65-THOUSAND PER YEAR.THAT NUMBER THAT WOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARD HELPING THE MILITARY RECRUIT THE 300-THOUSAND NEW ENLISTEES NEEDED YEARLY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/07/10 REPORTED... CALIFORNIA'S SCHOOLS GOT A REPORT-CARD TODAY WHICH HAD GOOD NEWS-- AND BAD NEWS.THE BAD NEWS IS THAT MORE KIDS ARE DROPPING-OUT. BUT MORE STUDENTS ARE ALSO GRADUATING.THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REPORT FOUND THAT SOME 70-PERCENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL DURING THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR.BUT THE DROP-OUT RATE IS ALSO HIGHER.FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR IT WAS JUST UNDER 22-PERCENT...THAT'S UP ALMOST THREE POINTS FROM 2007.THE NEWS IS ESPECIALLY GRIM FOR MINORITIES, WITH THE HISPANIC DROPOUT RATE AT NEARLY 27-PERCENT.37-PERCENT AMONG AFRICAN AMERICANS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/13/10 REPORTED...
THOUSANDS OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE IN A HURRY TO GET TO STANFORD
UNIVERSITY, BUT ONLY A SELECT FEW WILL GET THERE.OF THE NEARLY SIX-THOUSAND
STUDENTS WHO APPLIED FOR EARLY ADMISSION, 754 WERE SENT ACCEPTANCE LETTERS
TODAY.THE RECORD NUMBER OF EARLY APPLICANTS IS UP SEVEN-PERCENT COMPARED
TO LAST YEAR.IN ALL, 26-THOUSAND APPLICANTS WILL COMPETE FOR ONLY 17-HUNDRED SPOTS IN NEXT FALL'S FRESHMAN CLASS AT PALO ALTO

ENVIRONMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/09/10 REPORTED...

A NEW STUDY ON HOW ELECTRO MAGNETIC RADIATION--THINK WI-FI--AFFECTS PLANTS, IS RAISING EYEBROWS AND CONCERNS.FOR FIVE YEARS, RESEARCHERS IN HOLLAND STUDIED TREES NEAR SIX SOURCES OF RADIATION, LIKE THE ONES USED FOR WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS.THEY FOUND "A METALLIC LUSTER APPEARANCE FOLLOWED BY DEATH OF A PORTION OF THE LEAF".THE STUDY SHOWING THAT WIFI HARMED TREES AND PLANTS CAUSED SUCH A STIR THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT ISSUED A STATEMENT TO CALM NERVES, SAYING THE RESULTS ARE PRELIMINARY AND INCONCLUSIVE.ROUGHLY SIXTY STUDIES HAVE LOOKED INTO THE EFFECT THAT MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS MIGHT HAVE ON PLANTS... ALL THE RESULTS ARE MIXED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/10/10 REPORTED...
ENVIRONMENTALISTS ARE ANGRY ABOUT TODAY'S DECISION TO RE-NEW CHEVRON'S 30YEAR LEASE FOR AN OFFSHORE OIL TERMINAL. THE *STATE LANDS COMMISSION* VOTED
TWO-TO-ONE OVER THE OPPOSITION OF ENVIRONMENTALISTS AND OTHERS WORRIED
ABOUT OIL SPILLS AND THE THREAT OF WHALES BEING STRUCK BY TANKERS. SOME
URGED A LEASE OF ONLY 10-YEARS. SUPPORTERS OF THE LONG-TERM LEASE CITED
CHEVRON REFINERY'S KEY ROLE IN SUPPLYING GASOLINE TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
AND FUEL AS WELL AS TO THE NEARBY L-A AIRPORT. THE REFINERY AND OFFSHORE
OPERATIONS DATE BACK TO 1911.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/10/10 REPORTED...

A CALIFORNIA SEA LION IN CRITICAL CONDITION TONIGHT IS GIVING US ALL A LESSON IN VIOLENCE AND SURVIVAL.NAMED *SILENT KNIGHT* BY HIS CARETAKERS AT THE MARINE MAMMAL CENTER, HE WAS SHOT IN THE FACE AND BLINDED IN ONE EYE.THE CENTER HAS TREATED EIGHT OTHER SEA-MAMMALS FOR GUN-SHOT WOUNDS THIS YEAR--- WHICH IS WHY THEY RELEASED "SILENT KNIGHT'S" X-RAYS TODAY-- TO ILLUSTRATE THE TRAUMA-- WITH THE HOPE IT ISN'T REPEATED.SEA LIONS ARE OFTEN SHOT BY FISHERMEN AS THEY COMPETE FOR FISH.DOCTORS WON'T REMOVE THE FACIAL BULLET FRAGMENTS UNLESS THERE'S INTERNAL BLEEDING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/13/10 REPORTED... VOLUNTEERS WITH A WILDLIFE RESCUE GROUP SAY THEY'VE RESCUED ANOTHER BEER-COLLARED SEAGULL.WILDLIFE RESCUE OF MOSS BEACH HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS REPORTS OF SEA BIRDS WITH BEER CAN COLLARS AROUND THEIR NECKS.VOLUNTEERS SAYS THEY WERE ABLE TO CUT THE COLLAR OFF ONE BROWN GULL THIS WEEKEND.THE BIRD WAS IN GOOD HEALTH AND RELEASED.THERE'S A \$6500 REWARD BEING OFFERED FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST OF THE PERSON PUTTING THE COLLARS ON THE BIRDS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/13/10 REPORTED...
THE WOLVERINE MAY BE ENDANGERED, BUT IT WILL HAVE TO WAIT FOR PROTECTION UNTIL THE US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE HAS MORE RESOURCES. THE FEDERAL AGENCY SAYS THEY ARE FOCUSING THEIR ATTENTION ON OTHER SPECIES THAT ARE IN EVEN GREATER DANGER. THE AGENCY SAYS THAT THE SMALL MAMMAL -- KNOWN TO BE MEAN ENOUGH TO TAKE ON A PACK OF WOLVES--AND WIN-- WILL BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR PROTECTION. THE LIST OF CANDIDATES IS REVIEWED ANNUALLY. WOLVERINES ARE STILL FOUND THROUGHOUT THE WEST, BUT NOT IN GREAT NUMBERS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/20/10 REPORTED...
THE RAIN BROUGHT ACCIDENTS AND MUDSLIDES IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA.
LOS ANGELES WORKERS SET UP BARRICADES TO PREVENT ROCK AND MUDSLIDES FROM DAMAGING HOMES IN THE HOLLYWOOD HILLS.BETWEEN TWO TO FOUR INCHES OF RAIN FELL IN THE FLATLANDS, WHILE MOUNTAIN REGIONS SAW AS MUCH AS SEVEN INCHES OF RAIN.

A RARE SIGHT IN SAN DIEGO. A BABY SPERM WHALE WASHED ASHORE LAST NIGHT. RESCUERS SAY THEY HAVEN'T SEEN HIS KIND THERE FOR 25 YEARS. THE WHALE WAS BLEEDING FROM A CUT. IT TOOK 20 SEA WORLD EMPLOYEES TO CORRAL THE ANIMAL AND INJECT IT WITH ANTIBIOTICS, THEN THEY PUSHED HIM BACK INTO THE OCEAN. EXPERTS BELIEVE IT'S A MALE.. HE IS ABOUT 15 TO 18 FEET LONG AND WEIGHS ABOUT THREE-THOUSAND POUNDS. THEY HOPE HE WILL REUNITE WITH HIS MOTHERTHE RAIN BROUGHT ACCIDENTS AND MUDSLIDES IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA.LOS ANGELES WORKERS SET UP BARRICADES TO PREVENT ROCK AND MUDSLIDES FROM DAMAGING HOMES IN THE HOLLYWOOD HILLS.

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NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/20/10 REPORTED...
THEY CAME HERE WITH VISIONS OF FAMILY REUNIONS...SKI VACATIONS... AND HOLIDAY HOMECOMINGS. ONLY TO DISCOVER... THE FIRST LEG OF THE JOURNEY... WOULD BE SPENT IN AN AIRPORT LINE. AT THE VERY TIME WILLA KOZUPSKY WAS DUE IN LOS ANGELES ON HER WAY TO A UTAH SKI TRIP... SHE WAS STILL STANDING IN LINE AT SOUTHWEST AIRLINES THAT STRETCHED INTO THE NEXT TERMINAL. IN THE OLD DAYS, LATE FLIGHTS WOULD READ "DELAYED" ON THE FLIGHT BOARD THESE DAYS... IT JUST SAYS "NOW.".. AND THE NEW TIME. TODAY... THE "NOWS" GREATLY OUTNUMBERED THE "ON TIMES."ALEX ALEXANDR WAS AMONG S-F-O TRAVLERS FACING WEATHER-RELATED DELAYS OF AT LEAST AN HOUR. LUCKILY, SHE DIDN'T JUST PACK FOR THE JOURNEY TO NEW YORK. SHE ALSO PREPARED FOR THE WAIT. BUT THINGS COULD'VE BEEN WORSE. IN THE INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL... SOME LONDON-BOUND TRAVELERS HAD BEEN WAITING DAYS AFTER SNOW CLOSED HEATHROW AIRPORT. WITH BAD WEATHER AHEAD, S-F-O OFFICIALS ARE FORECASTING MORE DELAYS. RECOMMENDING THAT ALONG WITH THOSE SKIS AND PRESENTS... BE SURE TO PACK A GOOD BOOK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/20/10 REPORTED... saw this gust of wind come up, like a little whirlwind and then I saw what I though was just a tree limb come down on the house over there and just with a loud crack."GLENDA LIGHTFOOT WAS WATCHING YESTERDAY MORNING WHEN A HUGE TREE KEELED OVER ON TOP OF THIS HOUSE ON MARLOW DRIVE IN OAKLAND.SOME NEIGHBORS SAY IT FELT AN EARTHQUAKE BUT LOOKED OUTSIDE TO SEE TREE LIMBS STICKING THROUGH THE ROOF A P-G&E SPOKESMAN IS WARNING RESIDENTS THAT WITH MORE RAIN COMES MORE SOIL SATURATION...WHICH CAN LEAD TO MORE DOWNED TREES. LIGHTFOOT'S HUSBAND MADE SURE NO ONE WAS HURT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/21/10 REPORTED...
THE PEOPLE OF SAN FRANCISCO WILL ENJOY A BREATH OF FRESH AIR NEXT YEAR.
THE CITY'S LAST FOSSIL FUEL POWER PLANT WILL SHUT DOWN BY JANUARY FIRST.
THE POTRERO HILL PLANT HAS BEEN THE FOCUS OF HEALTH CONCERNS FOR YEARS.
MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM SAYS IT'S THE FINAL PHASE OF A TWO-TIER PLAN TO
DECOMMISSION SUCH PLANTS WITHIN CITY LIMITS...THE POWER PLANT CAN BE USED IN
AN EMERGENCY BEFORE IT'S CLOSED FOR GOOD ON FEBRUARY 28TH. MANY RESIDENTS

THERE SUFFER FROM DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGH RATES OF CANCER, ASTHMA AND OTHER HEALTH PROBLEMS.

GOVERNMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/09/10 REPORTED... CALIFORNIA IS GETTING OHIO AND WISCONSIN'S "CAST-OFFS."BUT SINCE THE UNWANTED STUFF IS MONEY FOR HIGH-SPEED RAIL, NO ONE HAS A PROBLEM SAYING "YES."THE NEWLY-ELECTED REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS IN OHIO AND WISCONSIN DON'T FAVOR RAIL PROJECTS IN THEIR STATES, SO THEY ASKED IF THEY COULD SPEND THE TRANSPORTATION MONEY ON OTHER PROJECTS. THE ANSWER FROM WASHINGTON WAS "NO", SO CALIFORNIA GETS AN EXTRA SIX-HUNDRED-MILLION DOLLARS.SENATOR DIANNE FEINSTEIN SAYS "NO OTHER STATE IS AS READY" FOR HIGH SPEED RAIL AS CALIFORNIA. 10-OTHER STATES ARE GETTING LESSER AMOUNTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/09/10 REPORTED...
THE WAIT CONTINUES FOR SUPPORTERS RALLYING AROUND THE "DREAM ACT", WHICH WOULD GIVE FOREIGN BORN STUDENTS BROUGHT INTO THE U-S AS CHILDREN, A CHANCE TO BECOME LEGAL CITIZENS.A DAY AFTER THE HOUSE PASSED THE BILL, THE SENATE DELAYED A VOTE ON IT THIS MORNING.SENATE MAJORITY LEADER HARRY REID REALIZED HE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH VOTES TO PASS THE SENATE VERSION, SO HE CALLED FOR A VOTE TO KILL THE BILL TO GIVE HIM TIME TO GET A 60TH VOTE. HE INTENDS TO TAKE UP THE HOUSE VERSION LATER THIS MONTH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/09/10 REPORTED...
SENATE REPUBLICANS TODAY BLOCKED LEGISLATION THAT WOULD HAVE REPEALED THE MILITARY'S DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL POLICY.WITH THAT 57-TO-40 VOTE... DEMOCRATS FAILED TO CINCH THE PROCEDURAL DEAL...FALLING SHORT OF THE 60 VOTES NEEDED FOR PASSAGE.THE VOTE MAKES 'CONGRESSIONAL' ACTION ON THE REPEAL PROVISION UNLIKELY ANY TIME SOON. THE COURTS MAY YET WEIGH IN.THE 1993 LAW BANS GAY TROOPS FROM PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGING THEIR SEXUAL ORIENTATION. ITS REPEAL WOULD HAVE ALLOWED GAYS TO SERVE OPENLY IN THE MILITARY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/14/10 REPORTED...
IF SAN FRANCISCO MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM PLANS TO DELAY HIS SWEARING IN AS LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, IT WON'T AFFECT HIS NEW OFFICE. RECENT REPORTS INDICATE THE MAYOR WON'T AUTOMATICALLY ASSUME HIS NEW OFFICE ON JANUARY THIRD, AND HE CAN DELAY HIS SWEARING IN.NEWSOM'S DELAY COULD AFFECT HOW HIS SUCCESSOR IS CHOSEN.IF HE DECIDES TO WAIT, THE EXISTING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL NOT HAVE THE POWER TO NAME ANYONE AND IT WILL MAKE WAY FOR A NEW, MORE MODERATE BOARD TO APPOINT THE SUCCESSOR WHEN HE VACATES THE POST.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/20/10 REPORTED... WELLS FARGO IS AGREEING TO MODIFY ALMOST 15 THOUSAND ADJUSTABLE RATE LOANS MADE BY OTHER BANKS THAT IT ACQUIRED. THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL SAYS THE LOANS WERE HARMFUL TO BORROWERS. THEY WERE MARKETED AS "PICK A PAYMENT" LOANS, USUALLY BY WACHOVIA BANK. BORROWERS OFTEN FOUND THEIR PRINCIPAL AND PAYMENTS BALLOONING TO LEVELS THEY COULDN'T AFFORD. THE BANK'S AGREEMENT WILL RESULT IN MORE THAN \$2 BILLION IN PRINCIPAL WRITEDOWNS, INTEREST REDUCTIONS AND OTHER CONCESSIONS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/20/10 REPORTED...

GOVERNOR-ELECT JERRY BROWN HAS A NEW PLACE TO CALL HOME.

BROWN AND HIS WIFE DECIDED TO RENT A LOFT WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF THE STATE CAPITOL. THE 15-HUNDRED SQUARE FOOT, ONE BEDROOM LOFT IS IN A CONVERTED BUILDING THAT WAS ONCE A CAR DEALERSHIP.RENT STARTS AT 17-HUNDRED A MONTH.BROWN FAMOUSLY LIVED IN A SMALL APARTMENT INSTEAD OF THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION WHEN HE WAS GOVERNOR IN THE LATE 70'S. THE GOVERNOR-ELECT AND HIS WIFE PLAN TO KEEP THEIR HOME IN THE OAKLAND HILLS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/20/10 REPORTED...
WITH TIME RUNNING OUT BEFORE REPUBLICANS ASSUME A LOT MORE CONTROL IN CONGRESS, DEMOCRATS ARE TRYING TO FORCE VOTES ON CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES.
--AND CHIEF AMONG THEM IS THE SO CALLED "NEW START" NUCLEAR TREATY.
NBC BAY AREA'S STEVE HANDELSMAN HAS MORE FROM CAPITOL HILL GOVERNOR-ELECT JERRY BROWN HAS THE AX OUT ALREADY -- CUTTING OUT THE OFFICE THAT OVERSEES FEDERAL STIMULUS SPENDING IN CALIFORNIÀ.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/21/10 REPORTED... GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER SETUP THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL LAST YEAR.. TO MAKE SURE STIMULUS MONEY WASN'T BEING WASTED.BUT GOVERNOR-ELECT BROWN SAYS OTHER STATE AGENCIES, LIKE THE STATE AUDITOR AND CONTROLLER, CAN DO THE SAME JOB.. AND IN THE PROCESS, SAVE THE STATE 700-THOUSAND DOLLARS.

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NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/07/10 REPORTED...
PARENTS HOPING TO KEEP THEIR KIDS ACTIVE OFTEN SIGN THEM UP FOR SPORTS-- AND A NEW STUDY SHOWS, SOCCER MAY BE THE BEST CHOICE. KIDS WHO PLAYED SOCCER EXERCISED AN AVERAGE OF 14 MINUTES LONGER.DOCTORS AT SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY OUTFITTED CHILDREN WITH DEVICES MEASURING THEIR ACTIVITY, AND FOUND THEY EXERCISED HEAVILY FOR ONLY 45-MINUTES DURING PRACTICE - 15-MINUTES LESS THAN THE AMOUNT RECOMMENDED BY NATIONAL GUIDELINES. THE STUDY'S AUTHORS SAY IT'S VITAL THAT SCHOOLS CONTINUE TO OFFER PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/07/10 REPORTED...

A NEW WEIGHT-LOSS PILL IS ONE STEP CLOSER TO REACHING STORE SHELVES. A PANEL OF HEALTH ADVISERS ARE GREEN-LIGHTING APPROVAL OF THE PILL CALLED "CONTRAVE." (kahn - TRAVE)IT'S A COMBINATION OF AN ANTIDEPRESSANT AND AN ANTIADDICTION MEDICATION.THE RECOMMENDATION ALL BUT MEANS THE F-D-A WILL APPROVE CONTRAVE BY THE END OF JANUARY.RESEARCH SHOWS CONTRAVE COULD

PULL IN MORE THAN A BILLION DOLLARS IN SALES BY 20-18 FOR CALIFORNIA-BASED OREXIGEN (OR-ex-ah-gen) THERAPEUTICS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/07/10 REPORTED...

WOMEN ARE ON PACE TO RUN MORE THAN EVER BEFORE...RUNNING U-S-A REPORTS MORE THAN 10-MILLION PEOPLE FINISHED A RACE LAST YEAR.SINCE 19-89, THE NUMBER OF WOMEN FINISHING A RACE HAS STEPPED UP FROM NEARLY ONE-MILLION TO MORE THAN FIVE MILLION RUNNERS.THE RESEARCH GROUP CLAIMS RUNNING IS A GOOD VALUE IN A BAD ECONOMY.PEOPLE GET BACK A SENSE OF CONTROL, AND IT'S INEXPENSIVE...ALONG WITH INCREASING YOUR HEALTH, MORE WOMEN ARE BEING SOCIAL WHILE THEY RUN WITH THEIR GIRLFRIENDS.THE TYPICAL FEMALE RUNNER ALSO RUNS OR JOGS ABOUT FOUR HOURS A WEEK.SHE PREFERS THE HALF-MARATHON AND MAINLY RUNS FOR EXERCISE

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/20/10 REPORTED... STANFORD DOCTORS ARE UNDER SCRUTINY TONIGHT. A NON-PROFIT INVESTIGATIVE GROUP CALLED "PROPUBLICA", FOUND MORE THAN A DOZEN OF ITS UNIVERSITY DOCTORS WERE PAID SPEAKERS FOR DRUG COMPANIES. STANFORD FORBIDS ITS FACULTY FROM TAKING THESE JOBS THAT SOMETIMES COME WITH SIX-FIGURE SALARIES. BUT DOCTORS ARE ON THE HONOR SYSTEM WHEN IT COMES TO FOLLOWING THE POLICY. THE DEAN OF STANFORD'S MEDICAL SCHOOL, SENT AN E-MAIL TO MEDICAL SCHOOL STAFF, CALLING THE CONDUCT "UNACCEPTABLE."I always think if it doesn't taste bad it should be okay. 27 46 FROM POURING IT INTO KOOLAIDE TO HER DAILY CUP OF JOETAKE NATS COOLAID OR COFFEESUZY GIDCUMB SAYS HER TAP WATER ALWAYS TASTES JUST FINE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/20/10 REPORTED... So I guess I drink a lot BUT WHAT SHE ISN'T TASTING MAY BE HIGH LEVELS CANCER CAUSING TOXIN SUPPOSIDLY FOUND IN SAN JOSE'S MUNICPAL DRINKING WATER SUPPLY. We selected 35 different cities to test and one of them to test is San Jose and San Jose did end up being in the top five in terms of the contamination levels we recorded in its water. 9 19 SCIENTIST REBECCA SUTTON WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING GROUP SAYS HER ENVIRONMENTAL WATCH DOG FOUND TRACES OF HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM. NATS ERIN BROCKOVICH IT'S ALSO CALLED THE "ERIN BROCKOVICH" CHEMICAL AFTER THE TWO THOUSAND MOVIE- FOLLOWING ONE WOMAN'S REAL LIFE FIGHT AGAINST PG AND E...AFTER SHE FOUND THE CHEMICAL CAUSED HIGH RATES OF CANCER AND BIRTH DEFECTS. THE RATES OF CONTAMINATION IN THE BAY AREA ARE SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER THAN THEY WERE IN THE MOVIE., BUT -SUTTON SAYS THERE IS A WAY THOUGH TO MAKE YOUR DRINKING WATER SAFE- EITHER WAY- GIDCUMB SAYS SHE'S NOT THAT CONCERNED. AND SUTTON ALSO SAYS YOU SHOULD BE CONCERNED IF YOU DRINK -BOTTLED- WATER- BECAUSE IT DOESN'T FACE ANY STRONGER SCRUTINY THAN OUR TAP WATER DOES...IT'S THE SAME SET OF STANDARDS...SO IT ALSO MAY HAVE CHROMIM SIX IN IT. SHE CLAIMS THE BEST WAY TO PROTECT YOURSELF AGAIN IS INSTALLING A REVERSE OSMOSIS WATER FILTER. IN SAN JOSE, ELYCE KIRCHNER NBC BAY AREA NEW

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/20/10 REPORTED... IN OTHER HEALTH NEWS..RESEARCHERS SAY BREASTFEEDING MAY RESULT IN A BOOST IN BRAIN POWER.A NEW STUDY FOUND THAT BOYS WHO WERE BREAST-FED FOR SIX MONTHS OR LONGER SCORED HIGHER IN MATH, READING AND SPELLING THAN BOYS WHO WERE BREAST-FED FOR SHORTER PERIODS.GIRLS WHO WERE BREAST-FED FOR SIX MONTHS OR LONGER SHOWED A SMALL IMPROVEMENT IN READING.BUT THE EFFECTS WERE MOST PROMINENT FOR BOYS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/21/10 REPORTED FOUR-HUNDRED SENIOR CITIZENS WHO DEPEND ON FOOD BANKS FOR HELP... GOT A LITTLE SOMETHING EXTRA IN THEIR GROCERY BAGS TODAY IN MOUNTAIN VIEW. THE MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE DEPARTMENT DUG INTO THEIR "CREATE A SMILE" FOUNDATION BANK TO MAKE SURE THE SENIORS' HAVE FOOD THEY CAN TURN INTO A MEAL. SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK PROVIDED THE WEEKLY STAPLES LIKE RICE, PRODUCE AND FRUIT.... THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PITCHED IN FOR FOR TURKEY AND THE FIXINGS.Brant Heely, Mountain View Fire Department: "it's in our community, the community we serve and we want seniors here to have food and not be starving. that's one of the last things people should be worried about, their next meal."THE FIREFIGHTERS PUT THEIR OWN MONEY INTO THE "CREATE A SMILE" FOUNDATION - WHICH FUNDED THE HOLIDAY MEALS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/21/10 REPORTED...
IT'S HOME FOR THE HOLADAYS.THE HOLADAY QUADRUPLETS THAT IS.
THE IDENTICAL TRIPLETS, AND THEIR FRATERNAL BROTHER HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL SINCE THEY WERE BORN IN OCTOBER IN EAST SACRAMENTO.
MOM AND DAD HOLADAY HAVE RECEIVED A LOT OF HELP FROM THEIR COMMUNITY, AND THE HOSPITAL STAFF IN IS SORRY TO SEE THEM GO. THEIR PARENTS SAY IT WILL TAKE AT LEAST FOUR VILLAGES TO RAISE THEIR KIDS...

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NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/20/10 REPORTED...
A MASSIVE SEARCH IS UNDERWAY FOR THE MEN WHO KILLED AN AMERICAN WOMAN IN ISRAEL OVER THE WEEKEND.

KRISTINE LUKEN WORKED WITH AN ORGANIZATION THAT PROMOTES CHRISTIANITY TO JEWS. POLICE SAY SHE WAS HIKING IN THE HILLS NEAR JERUSALEM, WITH A FRIEND.. WHEN THEY WERE VICIOUSLY ATTACKED.SURVIVOR KAY SUSAN WILSON SAYS TWO MEN SPEAKING ARABIC ASKED THEM FOR WATER.. THEN ATTACKED THE WOMEN.. TYING THEM UP AND STABBING LUKEN TO DEATH.WILSON SAYS SHE WAS STABBED A DOZEN TIMES.. BUT ESCAPED AFTER PRETENDING TO BE DEAD.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/20/10 REPORTED...
THE F-B-I SAYS VIOLENT CRIME IS ON THE DECLINE ACROSS THE COUNTRY.
THE F-B-I'S SEMI-ANNUAL CRIME REPORT FOUND THAT REPORTS OF VIOLENT CRIME DROPPED 6-POINT-2-PERCENT IN THE FIRST HALF OF 20-10 PROPERTY CRIME REPORTS WERE DOWN 2-POINT-8-PERCENT. FBI CRIME REPORTS HAVE SHOWN A STEADY DECREASE IN CRIMES RATES SINCE

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/20/10 REPORTED...
THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS IS TRYING TO CRACK DOWN ON MEXICO'S DRUG CARTELS. THE A-T-F WANTS GUN DEALERS NEAR THE MEXICO BORDER TO FILE A REPORT WHENEVER SOMEONE BUYS OF TWO OR MORE HIGH-POWERED RIFLES WITHIN A FIVE-DAY PERIOD. THE RIFLES HAVE BECOME THE WEAPON OF CHOICE FOR DRUG CARTELS WHO SMUGGLE THEM INTO MEXICO FROM THE U-S.
THE A-T-F HAS BEEN CRITICIZED FOR NOT DOING ENOUGH TO STOP THE FLOW OF WEAPONS INTO MEXICO. IF APPROVED BY THE WHITE HOUSE, THE NEW REQUIREMENTS WOULD AFFECT ABOUT 8-THOUSAND GUN SHOPS ALONG THE BORDER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/20/10 REPORTED...

THE MAN WHOSE BOOK ON "HOW TO BE A PEDOPHILE" CREATED NATIONWIDE CONTROVERY IS UNDER ARREST.OFFICERS IN PUEBLO COLORADO ARRESTED PHILLIP GREAVES THE SECOND THIS MORNING AT HIS HOME. HE'S FACING OBSCENITY CHARGES IN POLK COUNTY FLORIDA, WHERE AUTHORITISAY GREAVES SOLD AND MAILED HIS BOOK TO AN UNDERCOVER DEPUTY.AN E-BOOK VERSION HAD BEEN AVAILABLE ON AMAZON DOT COM, BUT THE WEB SITE REMOVED IT AFTER HUNDREDS OF ANGRY COMPLAINTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/23/10 REPORTED...
TWIN EMBASSY BOMBINGS IN ROME HAVE AUTHORITIES ON ALERT THERE AND AROUND THE WORLD.THE BLASTS INJURED TWO PEOPLE INSIDE THE SWISS AND CHILEAN EMBASSIES.TONIGHT, AN ITALIAN ANARCHIST GROUP IS CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY.AS N-B-C'S MARTIN FLETCHER TELLS US, THE EXPLOSIONS HAPPENED JUST A FEW HOURS APART.